CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN DIEGO REGION

ORDER NO. 2001-317

ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY AGAINST 7-ELEVEN, INC., LOCATION NO. 22894 NONCOMPLIANCE WITH WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 96-41 NPDES NO. CAG919002

The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (hereinafter SDRWQCB), having held a Regional Board Meeting on December 12, 2001, accepts the waiver of the right to a hearing dated October 17, 2001, and on the recommendation for administrative assessment of civil liability in the amount of \$12,000 finds as follows:

- 1. On June 13, 1996, SDRWQCB adopted Waste Discharge Requirements for Order No. 96-41 (NPDES No. CAG919002), General Waste Discharge Requirements for Groundwater Extraction and Similar Waste Discharges from Construction and Remediation Projects to Surface Waters Within the San Diego Region, Except for San Diego Bay. On May 22, 2000, 7-Eleven Location No. 22894 was approved to discharge waste water from the dewatering/demediation project, located at 1030 North Broadway in the city of Escondido. The project discharges to Escondido Creek through a storm water drain on the adjacent sidewalk as stipulated in the requirements set forth in Order No. 96-41.
- 2. In September 2000, the discharger's self-monitoring report (SMR) indicated discharge concentrations of benzene and xylene beyond the permitted limits.
- 3. In October 2000, the discharger's SMR indicated discharge concentrations of phosphorus, pH and hydrogen sulfide beyond the permitted limits.
- 4. Under Sections 13385(h) and (i) of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, four of the five violations are subject to mandatory penalties as outlined in the following chart:

Violations and Penalty Assessment (9/00 - 1/01)

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| | Sample Date | Pollutant | Permitted Limit | Reported Value | Chronic/ Serious | Running Total | Penalty | |
| | 09/13/00 | benzene | 5 μg/L | 15 μg/L | Serious | 1 | \$3,000 | |
| | 09/13/00 | xylene | 5 μg/L | 8.3 μg/L | Serious | 2 | \$3,000 | |
| 1 | 10/09/00 | pН | 6.5-8.5 | 8.6 | Chronic | 3 | \$0 | |
| | 10/09/00 | phosphorus | 0.2 mg/L | 1.0 mg/L | Serious | 4 | \$3,000 | |
| l | 10/09/00 | H ₂ S | 10 μg/L | 40 μg/L | Serious | 5 | \$3,000 | |

Total \$12,000 Penalty

- 5. The total amount of the mandatory penalty is \$12,000.
- 6. Issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000), in accordance with Section 15321, Chapter 3, Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Section 13385 of the California Water Code that 7-Eleven, Inc. is assessed a total mandatory penalty of \$12,000, to be paid by October 24, 2001. The check is to be made out to the State Water Resources Control Board.

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JOHN H. ROBERTUS, Executive Officer

Date